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Village establishments in South Arcot district

* 148 *Q.*—Sri R. S. VEERAPPA CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the members of the village establishments in South Arcot district have been thrown out of employment consequent on some of the villages having been taken over for the use of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation; and

(*b*) if so, what are the alternative employments provided for them?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Neyveli Lignite Corporation has agreed to absorb them in the Corporation staff subject to their eligibility. Instructions have also been issued to Divisional Officers to appoint them in other villages of Cuddalore and Vridhachalam Taluks as and when vacancies arise.

Relieving traffic congestion in the City

* 149 *Q.*—Sri P. K. MOOKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether any scheme has been sponsored by the Highways Department to cope up with the traffic problem in the City and the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : The roads within City limits are under the control of the Corporation of Madras. Hence the Highways and Rural Works Department has no direct Plans or Schemes to cope with the traffic problems in the City. The Highways and Rural Works Department, however, co-operates with the Police to help relieve the traffic difficulties. The implementation of the following proposals will to a certain extent relieve traffic congestion in the City Roads :—

(1) Formation of a ring road to connect the three National Highways.

(2) Formation of an East-Coast Road connecting from near the Oceanic Hotel.

(3) Improvements to road from Harbour to Ennore within City limits also.

(4) Improvements of road Harbour to Avadi via Aminjikarai.

(5) Improvements to G. S. T. Road from Marmalong bridge to St. Thomas Mount.

(6) Bypass for Basin Bridge area.

(7) Improvements to the road from Marmalong bridge to Velacheri and on to Irumbuliyur.

(8) Proposals for widening and strengthening of bridges in all important roads.

(9) Proposals for replacing certain level crossings by over or under bridges.